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donkey, he went to his room and wanted to go to bed. He wondered whether he should sleep under the bed or upon the bed. He thought that if he slept on top of the bed he might be cold, and so he decided to sleep beneath it where, he thought, he would be warmer. He was so tired and so occupied with thoughts of his donkey that he went to bed without turning off the light.

Some time later that night a husband and wife came to the hotel asking for a room. The manager told them that there were no rooms vacant, but just to be sure, they went upstairs to see if there might possibly be a room empty. They saw the room with the light on and no one in the bed, and so they concluded that it was unoccupied. The manager gave that room to the couple.

When the couple went to bed, the husband said to his wife, "Your eyes are so blue! Did you ever see the sea?"

The Hoca, beneath the bed, thought that he was being addressed, and he answered, "Did you ever see my donkey?"